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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR CONSULAR SECTION

REF: A. STATE 210312 B. STATE 210312

1. THE CONSULAR SECTION IS LOCATED IN THE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT (LEASE RUNS TO 1981) IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE REAR OF THE CHANCERY COMPOUND. ENTRANCE TO THE CONSULAR SECTION IS OFF THE STREET INTO THE PUBLIC ACCESS AREA (SMALL WAITING ROOM). THE FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RSO FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION. POST HAS ENDEAVORED TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FROM THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS SINCE SEPTEMBER AND WE HAVE FINALLY RECEIVED THIS SOLE BID:

A. INSTALL 1 X 1 CM WIRE MESH, REINFORCED BY 15 X 5 MM FLAT IRON FRAME ON THE NINE (9) GRILLED WINDOWS AVERAGE 27.42 SQ. METERS EACH. 1700 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$465.75.

B. INSTALL 10 X 10 MM IRON BARS, GROUTED INTO WALL 8 CM, 12 CM

N SQUARE, TO COVER EXTERIOR OF FOUR (4)

AIR CONDITIONING (C/C) UNITS; ON INTERIOR GROUT INTO WALL ON EACH SIDE OF A/C UNITS 5 X 25 MM FLAT

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IRON BARS TO A DEPTH OF 8 CM WITH A 5 X 25 MM

REMOVABLE CROSSBAR. 700 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$191.78.

C. REPLACE EXISTING MAIN ENTRY DOOR WITH A 5 CM SOLID WOOD DOOR COMPLETELY COVERED WITH 2 MM SHEET METAL, INSTALLING METAL DOOR FRAME AND HEAVY DUTY HINGES. 1000 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$273.97.

D. COVER EXISTING DOOR, WHICH PROVIDES ENTRY FROM WAITING ROOM TO CONSULAR SECTION OFFICE SPACE, WITH 2 MM SHEET IRON, INSTALLING HEAVY DUTY HINGES. 550 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$150.68.

E. COVER CONSUL'S EXISTING OFFICE DOOR WITH 2 MM SHEET IRON, INSTALLING HEAVY DUTY HINGES. 550 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$150.68.

F. CUT DOWN AND INSTALL EMBASSY SUPPLIED IRON GRILL IN THE 228.5 X 87 CM CONSULAR SECTION BUSINESS WINDOW, BY GRUING THE IRON LUGS INTO THE SURROUNDING MASONRY TO A DEPTH OF 10 CM. GRILL IS TO BE COVERED WITH 1 CM X 1 CM METAL SCREEN. A PASS-THROUGH IS PROVIDED BY A 2 CM SPACE BETWEEN GRILL AND COUNTER TOP. 500 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$136.99.

G. INSTALL ON EACH SIDE OF DOORS MENTIONED IN PARA'S D & E AND REAR ENTRY DOOR 6 MM X 25 MM FLAT BAR, ANGLED TO ACCOMMODATE A 20 X 10 MM SECURITY DROP BAR, EACH GROUTED INTO WALL 8 CM IN DEPTH. 200 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$54.79.

H. IN THE CONSUL'S OFFICE FILL IN WITH DOUBLE BRICK TWO (2) WINDOWS (8 CM X 65 CM AND 1.30 M X 80 CM) AND 2.20 M X 1 M SECOND DOOR OPENING. EXISTING GRILLED WINDOWS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE. ALL BRICK WORK TO BE PLASTERED AND OFFICE REPAINTED. 1400 SYRIAN POUNDS/\$383.56.

2. THE PROPOSED SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITY, E.E. ACCESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL, SECURITY FROM OBJECTS BEING PUSHED THROUGH THE WINDOWS (WHICH ARE ALREADY GRILLED) AND THE CONSUL'S OFFICE BEING A SECURE SAFE ROOM IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE PREMISES.

3. A PANIC ALARM SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN THE CONSULAR SECTION CONNECTED TO THE CHANCERY, AND USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

IS PART OF A SEPARATE TSO SURVEY CONDUCTED RECENTLY  
WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE NEXT  
TSO VISIT.

4. A WATCHMAN IS ASSIGNED TO THE CONSULAR SECTION  
WAITING ROOM AND SCREENS ALL VISITORS. PERIODIC  
CHECKS ARE MADE OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE CONSULAR  
SECTION BY THE WATCHMAN ASSIGNED TO PATROL THE CHANCERY  
GROUNDS.

5. TWO (2) POLICE OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED TO GUARD  
THE REAR OF THE CHANCERY AND THEY ALSO WATCH THE  
CONSULAR SECTION. THE RSO HAS REQUESTED, FROM THE  
POLICE, A THIRD POLICE OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED TO  
THE CONSULAR SECTION, WHO WOULD BE STATIONED AT  
THE ENTRY DOOR. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED  
BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE, HOWEVER, THE OFFICER  
HAS NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL  
OF SYRIAN POUNDS  
6,600/DOLLARS 1,808.20 TO ENABLE POST TO IMPLEMENT  
THE ABOVE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ASAP.  
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